

REMARKS

This Supplemental Response, submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2007, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28, and 31-32 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-28, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0026443; hereinafter “Chang”) in view of “Messages and Codes, Version 8, Release 2” IBM Corporation (March 2003) (hereinafter “Messages and Codes”). Applicant submits that Messages and Codes does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Specifically, Applicant submits that the Messages and Codes reference is not “by another.” Submitted concurrently herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 executed by the inventors of the present application attesting to the fact they were the inventors of disclosure of Messages and Codes cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, the disclosure of Messages and Codes upon which the Examiner replies was not invented “by another” since the instant application and the disclosure of Messages and Codes cited by the Examiner have the same inventive entity.

Consequently, the rejection of claims 1-28, 31 and 32 in view of Chang and Messages and Codes should be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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